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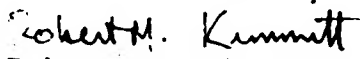

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KENNETH PEDERSEN
Director of International Affairs
National Aeronautics and Space Administration

SUBJECT: U.S. - Soviet Space Cooperation

Please provide your comments on the attached by COB today.


Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

Attachment

State memo, dated March 22, 1985

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United States Department of State

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March 22, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: US-Soviet Space Cooperation

On March 29, the President is scheduled to deliver a speech before the Goddard Society following receipt of their award. We understand that his comments on that occasion could present us with an opportunity to announce the Administration's desire to begin discussions with the Soviet Union on possible renewed bilateral cooperation in outer space.

The Soviets have privately expressed keen interest in renewing space cooperation; their desire to renew bilateral space activities could act as leverage to break loose your proposal for a joint simulated space rescue mission. On each occasion when raising the rescue mission, they have rebuffed us with the response that such cooperation would be out of the question as long as the US was seeking to "militarize space." Offering them talks could bring the simulated space rescue mission to the bargaining table.

Before the proposed talks begin, we would work carefully to coordinate this initiative vis-a-vis the Soviet Union with our cooperative space program with our friends and Allies (including the space station). We would also delineate means to eliminate unwarranted technology transfer. Attached is a draft paragraph for the President's speech which would announce the proposal (Tab A). A non-paper for immediate forwarding to the Soviet Government through Ambassador Dobrynin is presented in Tab B.

Involving the Soviet Union in talks on cooperative space activities could act as a foil for the Soviets' anti-SDI propaganda. The proposal will demonstrate clearly our peaceful approach to space at a time when the Soviets continue to emphasize to all and sundry that the United States is seeking to "militarize space."

We therefore recommend that you insert into the President's speech for March 29 the draft language announcing US-Soviet talks on future space cooperation and approve the Secretary delivering the attached non-paper to Ambassador Dobrynin.

B. McKinley
for Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

Attachments:
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